

CENTRAL

Chimes



Central Presbyterian Church

P E T E R S B U R G , I L L I N O I S

Dear Congregation,

If you heard or read any of my August messages, you know that I decided to venture into the books of the Old Testament called the “minor Prophets” for all my Sundays August through October (except for our Picnic Sunday, 9/11). These prophets are called minor only because they are shorter in length, while the “major Prophets” Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel all have dozens of chapters to them each.

When some people hear “prophet” or “prophesy,” their first reaction is that it is weird, futuristic stuff, but really the future comprises a small part of what these guys had to say. They are mostly about truth telling in often difficult, confrontational ways. They are all about *Justice*, and when we hear that word we can tend to see first the downside of justice. . .the part that corrects if not actually condemns. But Justice is really about setting things right for *everyone*, and so for those that are mistreated, it is a *very good* thing.

I think of Justice as what Love, *Perfect Love*, does when it confronts some form of evil. It lifts up the oppressed and brings down those that are wrongfully advantaged. It is easy for all of us to quickly, instinctively, cry out “that’s not fair!” when something is unjustly done, but according to the prophets, the God of Israel alone sees from a perspective that can see perfect justice. The prophets seem to have been given a foretaste of God’s Justice over all things.

In the months ahead, if you don’t have a Bible reading plan in place already, I encourage you to dabble in the Prophets. Below I give you some chapters to consider reading, likely in small doses. These chapters are mostly from the major prophets, but their tone and message parallels the prophets we will look at on my Sundays with you. I hope you will give them a read. Most of these are written with God as the speaker, so imagine him saying them to you. As you read, picture the kind of God that inspires words like this, and take a moment to thank him. He is all about Justice.

- Isaiah: chapters 1, 5, 6, 40-43, 49, 61
- Jeremiah: chapters 1-3, 31-33
- Ezekiel: chapters 20, 33
- Jonah: all
- Malachi: all

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Highlights of Regular Session Meeting

No regular Session meeting was held in August.



Committee News

Administration

Financial

- Income year to date is \$754.01 below budget and YTD expenses are below budget by \$2,331.60 which puts us below our overall budget. Although the pledges are on budget for the year, the remaining income is well below budget. Regardless of budget, our income, YTD, is only \$596.24 above our expenses.
- Our budget is in the positive because we do not have a full time minister and are relying on dedicated pulpit supply.

Building

- We want to remind our members and friends that the new office e-mail address is office@central-pres.org
- We are waiting for a bat removal person to look at our organ loft and bell tower.

Submitted by Steven Territo and Jane Stephenson, Co-chairs

Pastor Nominating Committee

The PNC will be meeting the last week in August. Additional inquiries have been sent out, and we will review responses at our meeting. Letters are being prepared to send out to seminaries and pastors advertising our search for interested candidates. Your continued prayers are appreciated as we search for a new pastor.

Blessings,

Linda Claussen, PNC Chair

New Email Address

Central Presbyterian Church has a new email addresses. Please update your address book and begin using this new address when communicating with the church office.: *office@central-pres.org*.

Chancel Choir Begins a New Season

Central's Choir will begin meeting on August 31, practicing each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. They will provide Special Music during Worship beginning September 25, usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. New members are always welcome! Contact Rich Ford with questions.

Thank You

Methodist Mission Camp: A Thank You note has been received from Joe and Susie Pokorny regarding their use of CPC's Fellowship Hall as a sleeping area for several teenage boys that were attending the recent United Methodist Church Mission Camp. The card reads: "Thank you so much for the use of the church during Mission Camp. We appreciate your willingness to partner with us during our camp week. It was another successful camp! Thanks again!"



Special Worship: Thanks to all who enhanced our services in August.



August 7: Armorer Ben (Kiningham) & Sparky (Cindy Godbey) share a message from VBS.



August 14: Ethan Satorius, Ava Satorius, and Elise Ruppel sing songs learned at VBS.



August 21: Wildwood Strings play *Sweet By and By* and *Shall We Gather at the River* for Special Worship and *Finlandia—Song of Peace* for the Offertory. Members are Linda Claussen, Jill Coy, Carol Fleck, Cindy Godbey, Marilyn Montgomery, Sally Schafer, and Vicky Sherren.

Co-op Vacation Bible School

Central Presbyterian Church hosted this year's Co-op Vacation Bible School on August 1–5, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Co-op churches are Central Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, First Christian Church, and United Methodist Church of Petersburg. We started out with about 14 children and by Friday we had 20 children participating! We found that most of the participants are not associated with any of the four churches—making this a great outreach project for our community. Our theme was Knights of North Castle, and the children learned all about the Armor of God. VBS Committee included Linda Claussen, Beth Kiningham, Brianne Satorius, Rhonda Plaeger, Ben Kiningham, Cindy Godbey, and Dave Long. Volunteers from Central were Rebecca Rowe, Camilla Long, Marilyn Montgomery, Jane Stephenson, Janet Scheina, Janis Blount (Brianne's mom), Robert Lackie. We also welcomed Vicky Sherren, Shelley Stott, and Connie Pillsbury from St. Paul's and Bekky Grosboll from Petersburg Christian.



Special thanks to:

- Ben Kiningham, who played Armorer Ben.
- Cindy Godbey, who was the voice and hand behind Sparky, our ice-breathing puppet dragon!
- Dave Long, who handled all of our technical needs and ran the sound board expertly. He even created the video of VBS pictures and added the wonderful songs we sang all week for background music. It is wonderful!
- Cindy Godbey for creating our fantastic backdrop in the church sanctuary, and John Godbey for his assistance setting up the backdrop.
- Rhonda Plaeger and her team for providing the very creative and yummy snacks.
- Brianne Satorius and Beth Kiningham for developing and helping the children with the fun crafts that were so perfect for learning about the Armor of God.
- Joni Higginbotham for making copies of learning and coloring sheets for us.

Thank you to all members who donated money or snack items and to those members who helped tear down the sets after church. It truly takes a village to provide such a wonderful and fun learning experience for our children, but it certainly is well worth it. Wouldn't you agree?

Worship in the Park



September 11 is Worship in the Park and is held along the river at Lincoln's New Salem's Sangamon Picnic Area, Shelter #3, located across from New Salem on Pritchettville Road. Since this is Grandparents Day, we invite and encourage all of the grandchildren and any children you can "adopt" for the day to join us for a special day at New Salem. Don't forget a lawn chair and your favorite dish to share for the picnic luncheon immediately following worship. Plates, plastic ware, napkins, lemonade and ice tea will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School Starting Again

We will start Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday starting September 18, 2022. This is the week after Worship in the Park. Right now, we have two active Sunday School children. Please advise me at lsr1955@hotmail.com if you know of any other children who would like to attend on a regular basis. I also ask that you give me a few days' notice if you are bringing a child to Sunday School so that I have enough materials. Thank you!

Linda Claussen

Keep Connected!

Although Central does not have an installed pastor at this time, Preaching Associate, Robert Lackie, has agreed to make himself available to the congregation. Starting **September 13**, he will be in the church each **Tuesday** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you wish to make an appointment to visit with him, please call his cell phone (217-971-8641) or the church office.

Members are encouraged to continue to stay connected with the church family. If you have an emergency or are in need of assistance from Central, please contact:

Church Office, 217-632-2651

Camilla Long, Deacon Chair, 217-306-8086

Jane Stephenson, Clerk of Session, 217-341-7599

Menard County Food Pantry

The Menard County Food Pantry is open and staffed by volunteers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for any resident who resides within the PORTA School District.

Food donations are needed for the two Petersburg area Food Pantries, especially the Micro-pantry next to County Market. Please put food items in the large basket in the Narthex to be taken to the Micro-pantry.

Diaper Bank Needs

The Diaper Bank, located at the Menard County Housing office, 101 W. Sheridan Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675, is currently not open to the public. However, if you are in need of any supplies, either visit in person (there is a doorbell at the front door) or call the office at 217-632-

7723. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Senior Services Center is now in the Menard County Housing building, and they have a good supply of adult briefs and pads.

The Diaper Bank is currently well stocked with infant diapers. Rather than purchasing items to donate, a monetary donation is always accepted.

Chimes Deadline

Please have your articles and pictures for the September 2022 *Chimes* submitted to the church office no later than **Friday, September 23**. A *Microsoft Word file* attached to an email is the preferred method of submission. **Please reference “Chimes article” in the subject line.** Please email the church with any suggestions as to what you may want to see in the *Chimes*. Our email address is *office@central-pres.org*.

Health Notes: *submitted by Alice Studzinski*

September is Food Safety Education Month

With the warm weather, many of us are hosting or attending outdoor events including picnics and barbecues. Using proper food handling safety methods can help to prevent food poisoning.

CDC estimates that *Salmonella* is responsible for more foodborne illnesses in the United States than any other bacteria. Although *Salmonella* can be found in a variety of foods, both chicken and ground beef are a major source of these illnesses.

As you prepare and handle food, especially when cooking chicken or ground beef, follow these four steps to help prevent foodborne illness (also called food poisoning):

- Clean: Wash your hands, utensils, and surfaces often when you cook.
- Separate: Raw meat, chicken, turkey, seafood, and eggs can spread germs. Separate them from cooked food and fresh produce.
- Cook: Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to an internal temperature that kills germs.
- Chill: Refrigerate perishable foods (likely to spoil or go bad quickly) and leftovers within 2 hours, or within 1 hour if the food is exposed to temperatures above 90°F (like a hot car or summer picnic).

A few extra notes on handling raw chicken:

- Pat the chicken breasts dry with paper towels. Do not wash or rinse raw chicken. Juices can spread in the kitchen and contaminate other foods, utensils, and countertops.
- Keep raw chicken on its own plate or cutting board separate from other foods.
- Wash hands after handling raw chicken.

For more information on food safety, go to *foodsafety.gov*.

<i>Worship Attendance</i>			
August 7	23	August 21	30
August 14	27	August 28	17
Average Worship Attendance: 24			



Cheeseburger Soup

Article from Taste of Home

“A local restaurant serves a similar cheeseburger soup but wouldn’t share its recipe with me. I developed my own, modifying a recipe I already had for potato soup. I was really pleased with the way this all-American dish turned out.” Joanie Shawhan, Madison Wisconsin

Ingredients

½ lb. ground beef	3 cups chicken broth
4 tablespoons butter, divided	¼ cup all-purpose flour
¾ cup chopped onion	2 to 4 cups shredded Velveeta
¾ cup shredded carrots	1 ½ cups whole milk
¾ cup diced celery	¾ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dried basil	¼ to ½ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes	¼ cup sour cream
1¾ lbs. (about 4 cups) cubed, peeled potatoes	



Instructions

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook and crumble beef until no longer pink, 6-8 minutes; drain and set aside. In same saucepan, melt 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Saute onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add potatoes, ground beef and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-12 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour, cook and stir until bubbly, 3-5 minutes. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Stir in cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook until cheese melts. Remove from heat; blend in sour cream. Enjoy! Total time: prep: 45 min. Cook: 10 min. Yield: 8 services (2 quarts)

Spice Apple Zucchini Bread

Author: Monique Volz of AmbitiousKitch.com

This fluffy, healthy apple zucchini bread recipe is naturally sweetened with pure maple syrup and topped with a warm, luxurious cinnamon cream cheese glaze! The perfect loaf to transition from summer to fall.

Ingredients

Wet Ingredients:

1 cup shredded zucchini	½ cup pure maple syrup
1 cup unsweetened applesauce	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs	¼ cup melted butter

Dry Ingredients:

1 ¾ cup all purpose flour	½ teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda	¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon	¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon allspice	

Mix-ins:

1 medium apple, peeled, cored and roughly chopped into ¼ inch pieces (about 1 cup chopped apple)
1/3 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, if desired

Cream Cheese Glaze:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons butter, room temperature	¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¾ cup powdered sugar	1-3 teaspoons milk, to thin glaze

Garnish:

Extra chopped pecans

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 8 ¼ x 4 ½ inch pan with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
2. First, measure out 1 heaping cup of shredded zucchini, then place shredded zucchini in a paper towel, clean dish towel or cheesecloth and squeeze out all of the moisture/water. This is very important!
3. Add shredded zucchini, applesauce, eggs, maple syrup and vanilla extract to a large bowl and mix well to combine. Next, add in the melted butter and mix again until well combined.
4. Add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, flour, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Mix together with a wooden spoon until well combined. Fold in pecans and chopped apples.
5. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until a tester comes out clean or with just a few crumbs attached. Remove from the oven and place the pan on a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes, then remove bread from the pan and place on a wire rack to finish cooling completely.
6. To make cinnamon cream cheese frosting: Beat cream cheese, butter and powdered sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and milk together on medium speed for a minute or until smooth. If you want a warm glaze, you can warm in the microwave in 10-20 second intervals until warm. Pour or spread over cooled bread and sprinkle chopped pecans. Cut into 10-12 slices and enjoy!

Nutrition Facts: Amount per service: 1 slice with glaze – Calories 270 – Fat 12.7g – Saturated Fat 7.2 – Carbohydrates 36.2g – Fiber 1.4g – Sugar 19.8g – Protein 3.9g
Prep Time: 15 minutes – **Cook Time:** 50 minutes – **Total Time:** 1 hr., 5 minutes
Servings: 12 slices –



Scenes from Central—Coop VBS

August 1-5





Members:

Harriet Carter
Barbara Churchill
Steve Hollis
Mary Mies

Jo Ann Morris
Ken Morris
Dale & Mary Rose Satorius
Marilyn Schafer

Judy Stahl
Nancy Van Etten
Linda Williams

Friends of the Congregation:

Jane Arnold (K. Westervelt's mother)
Family of Michele Baker (C. Long's friend)
Lois Bastien (D. & C. Long's friend)
Allen Blout (B. Satorius' grandfather)
Dale Blout (B. Satorius' father)
Alan Bronson (S. Wilson's friend)
Susan & Geordie Crossen (K. Hutton's in-laws)
Michelle Rankin Eddings (M. Montgomery's friend)
Greg Grogan (C. Long's brother)
Liam Grogan (C. Long's nephew)
Marlene Hartsook (R. Ford's sister)
Kelly Holtsman (B. Churchill's daughter)
Theresa Hulbert (P. Claussen's friend)
Family of Eleanore "Gayle" Jones
Anthony Long (D. & C. Long's son)
Dave & Diane Ludington
Bob McLin (B. Winkelmann's brother)
Nancy Mehr

Wayne Patterson (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Family of Leroy Pettit
Jerry Price (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Jay Rebman (L. Claussen's friend)
Dorothy Ricketts (R. Plaeger's mother)
Sheila Smoron (Pastor M. Smoron's wife)
Gary Sorenson (L. Williams' friend)
Family of John Spaulding
Stahl family (S. Carlson's neighbor)
Dean Territo (S. Territo's father)
Cindy Thomas (R. Ford's niece)
Alana Wachtel (M. Montgomery's cousin)
Carol White (J. Morris' friend)
Mike Whitehurst (P. & M. Montgomery's friend)
Clara Willox (R. & C. Ford's granddaughter)
Lauren Woodley (J. Satorius' friend J.D. Proehl's
granddaughter)
Debbie Woods

Please pray for all we know who are homebound, residing in care facilities, undergoing surgery or medical treatment, serving in the military or who are away from their family and friends.

In Our Communities and In Our World:

All who are affected by COVID-19
Pray for racial equality
Peace between nation neighbors
Victims of gun violence

Displaced peoples in the world
Pray for the people who are affected by the
Ukraine/Russian conflict
Pray for our country

Please continue to keep our healthcare workers and those in the educational field in our prayers. They have been a guiding light to all of us in their courage and dedication to keeping us safe and helping the future generation. Thank You!

Please keep the church office informed of members or friends that need to be placed on or removed from our prayer list by sending an email to: office@central-pres.org. or calling the church office at: 217-632-2651.

Happy Birthday

Nonagenarian

Sept. 24 Alia Montgomery, P.O Box 13, Petersburg, IL 62675

Octogenarian

Sept. 7 Orene Lynn, 967 East F Street, Moscow, ID 83843

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 1	Alan Horn	Sept. 15	Kathrin Roberts
Sept. 4	Michael Carter	Sept. 18	Andy Rowe
Sept. 5	Joyce Goeringer	Sept. 20	Nancy Mehr
Sept. 5	Nile Sanert	Sept. 22	Zach Stephenson
Sept. 8	Zane Kyes	Sept. 23	Ava Satorius
Sept. 11	Bill Studzinski	Sept. 24	Dee Ring
Sept. 11	Gabrielle Goeringer	Sept. 25	Kyle Wankel
Sept. 13	Jake Godbey	Sept. 27	Helen Deverman
Sept. 14	Brittney DeCroix	Sept. 30	Richard Ford

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 4	Dave & Camilla Long	Sept. 17	Patrik & Linda Claussen
Sept. 9	Dale & Mary Rose Satorius	Sept. 17	Mark & Joyce Goeringer
Sept. 15	Matt & Ashley Rutz		



	<i>Usher/Greeter</i>	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
Sunday, Sept. 4	Coleen Janssen	Dave Long	Pat Claussen
Sunday, Sept. 11	Pat Claussen	Marilyn Montgomery	
Worship in the Park			
Sunday, Sept. 18	Steve Territo	Julia Territo	
Sunday, Sept. 25	Camilla Long	Coleen Janssen	
Sunday, Oct. 2	Jan Costello	Ron Sanert	Rebecca Rowe
Sunday, Oct. 9	John Godbey	Cindy Godbey	
Sunday, Oct. 16	Jerry Tice	Janene Tice	
Sunday, Oct. 23	Ben Kiningham	Beth Kiningham	
Sunday, Oct. 30	Jim Satorius	Barb Sampson	

If you cannot fulfill your duty as usher/greeter or liturgist, please find someone to take your place. Also, let the church office know of the changes as soon as possible.

Pulpit Supply

Sunday, Sept. 4	Pastor Martin Nagel
Sunday, Sept. 11	Robert Lackie, Preaching Associate
Sunday, Sept. 18	Jonah Steele
Sunday, Sept. 25	Robert Lackie, Preaching Associate